



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Seiji NONAKA et al. : Docket No. 2000_1402

Serial No. 09/679,308 : Group Art Unit 2831

Filed October 6, 2000 : Examiner E. Thomas

ELECTRODE METAL MATERIAL,
CAPACITOR AND BATTERY FORMED
OF THE MATERIAL AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE MATERIAL AND THE
CAPACITOR AND BATTERY

: Confirmation No. 9619

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 4, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel, without prejudice to the subject matter involved, claims 24-53, 80-103 and 105-120.

REMARKS

Responsive to the restriction requirement among Groups I, II and III as defined on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group III, i.e. claims 1-10, 11-23 and 54-79 drawn to an electrode, a method of forming an electrode, a battery, and a method of forming a battery.

This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter.